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SUBJECT: O&M STUDY OECD BY INTERNATIONAL CONSULTING FIRM

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1. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS ON SELECTION CONSULTING FIRM SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 25. SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS RECEIVED SIX PROPOSALS ON HOW FIRMS WOULD PROPOSE TO CONDUCT A REVIEW OF OECD'S ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT. SECRETARY-GENERAL REQUESTING AUTHORITY ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH CANADIAN FIRM, STEVENSON AND KELLOGG, TO ESTABLISH DETAILED PROGRAM THAT WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL.

2. FIVE OF THE FIRMS PROPOSED UNDERTAKE PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS TO IDENTIFY MAIN PROBLEMS AND THEN TO DRAW UP A DETAILED PROGRAM FOR SUBSEQUENT REVIEW AND DECISION. QUOTATIONS RANGED FROM 700,000 FRANCS TO 1.5 MILLION FRANCS.

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3. MISSION AGREES SECRETARY-GENERAL'S OBSERVATION THAT STEVENSON AND KELLOGG'S INITIAL REVIEW WAS MORE PENETRATING AND THAT THEY PRESENT PROGRAM CONCENTRATING ON SPECIFIC PRIORITY AREAS AT MOST COMPETITIVE PRICE. THEIR PROPOSAL CALLS FOR FIVE-MONTH REVIEW AT COST OF SLIGHTLY LESS THAN 300,000 FRANCS.

4. O&M STUDY WOULD CONCENTRATE ON TWO AREAS: THE MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE OF THE SECRETARIAT, INCLUDING ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COUNCIL, AND THE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING ASSIGNMENT OF "ADMINISTRATIVE" EXPENDITURES TO OPERATIONAL ELEMENTS OF PROGRAM. COPY OF PROPOSED PROJECT AND INDIVIDUAL AREAS BY COVERED BY STUDY BEING POUCHED EUR/RPE.

5. UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, MISSION WILL SUPPORT SECRETARY-GENERAL'S PROPOSED CHOICE MANAGEMENT FIRM. BROWN

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